

GREAT BRITAIN MAY ASK UNITED STATES TO CANCEL FRENCH DEBT

So That France and Great Britain May Come to An Agreement Regarding the Matter of German Reparations Now at a Deadlock

GREAT BRITAIN WOULD CANCEL ITS FRENCH DEBT

There Is a Hint That British Government Seeks to Postpone Payment of Its Obligation to the United States for Half a Century at Least

London, Dec. 11 (By the Associated Press).—Adjournment of the premiers' conference to-night for eight days in order to avert an open rupture between England and France over the question of German reparations has been virtually decided upon, it was learned to-day.

The British cabinet, it was authoritatively stated, rejected the measures of force for the Ruhr district upon which Premier Poincare insisted. Prime Minister Lloyd George informed Premier Poincare that British opinion was overwhelmingly opposed to any military measures against Germany.

It was stated in French circles that the adjournment was merely a manoeuvre to prevent an open break among the allies, particularly between France and England, that there was little likelihood of finding a common basis of agreement.

It was further pointed out that in spite of Premier Poincare's desire to co-operate with the new British government he has been forced largely by the political situation at home to demand the Ruhr as the price of any concession to Germany.

The meeting of the premiers scheduled for this noon was postponed until 4 o'clock. It was expected that in the meantime private interviews would take place among the premiers in an effort to save the conversations from what seemed this morning to be inevitable postponement.

It was stated in an authoritative American quarter that the chief hope of bringing the British and French together, during the period of adjournment to which the conference now seems doomed, lies with the United States. It was said by this authority that England will probably ask the American government if it is willing to cancel the French debt to Great Britain and at the same time enter a definite agreement with the American government to ultimately pay the British debt to America.

This suggestion was made informally that evening to a certain important American now in London and it will probably be presented directly to Mr. Hughes, the American secretary of state, in the course of the present week.

Great Britain is said to look favorably on the cancellation of the French debt due her, provided the United States cancels the French debt to America. It is the belief of British officials that the United States would be willing to at least attempt a conference at which a proposition could be thoroughly discussed. It was also stated in American circles this morning that the definite agreement to pay the British debt to the United States could or might become effective, to postpone for a long period, say fifty years, in which only interest would be paid. It was explained that this was on the theory that the United States was primarily interested in securing the ultimate payment of the British debt, rather than an immediate settlement.

In conference quarters it was the general view that France has indicated her willingness to give up military facilities in return for the cancellation of debt by the United States and Great Britain and would be ready also to give a long moratorium to Germany.

AMERICAN ATTITUDE IS NOT CHANGED
Besides That, State Department Has Not Received Invitation to Debt Cancellation Conference.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11 (By the Associated Press).—No request that the United States take part in a conference on cancellation of the French war debt has reached the state department and there was no indication to-day that department officials saw any reason to alter the well-understood position they previously have taken on the question of European debts.

EMPLOYMENT CONDITION "NORMAL" IN VERMONT

According to Analysis for November Made Public by New England District Department of Labor.

Boston, Dec. 11.—Industrial conditions in New England show a decidedly upward trend, according to an analysis for November made public to-day by the New England district department of labor. The report of Director Charles Brown points to the employment situation in Massachusetts as "excellent" while for Vermont a "normal" status is ascribed. Marked improvement is reported for Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

The textile industry of Massachusetts for the month past has shown a decided improvement, the survey said. Shoe factories, for the most part are running full time with full forces. Chair and cordage industries are running full and jewelry and silverware full to overflowing. Granite plants are daily increasing forces. A shortage of labor exists in the building trades, which continue active. A good demand for medium priced houses holds in the thickly settled districts but the housing situation is reported as not acute.

In the Boston district, including the shoe center of Lynn and other cities, the building trades are more active than for several years, though experiencing a marked shortage of both skilled and unskilled workers. The shoe industry of Lynn evidenced improvement for the month. In Cambridge all plants are working while the same situation holds approximately in Everett and Malden. The labor supply about equals the demand.

Employment conditions in the centers of Worcester and Lawrence are quoted as excellent, with normally prevailing in the Springfield district, Fall River, Brockton, Haverhill, Fitchburg and Salem. In Lowell a surplus of textile workers and railroad shopmen exists. New Bedford conditions are said to be improving.

In Maine employment continues to improve, with full time basis prevailing. The shoe and shipbuilding industries are operating to capacity but there is a shortage of workers in the textile industry. Railroad shopmen continue to return to work. The building trades in certain sections of the state are feeling a shortage of men. Housing conditions are improved.

Steady betterment of employment conditions is reported for New Hampshire. Due to labor controversy the textile plants still are unable to care for the surplus of workers. The shoe industry has shown an upward trend and the building trades are active. The granite and machine plants are not yet on a normal basis, though the former are increasing their forces. The housing situation is satisfactory.

Normal conditions prevail in Vermont, reports of principal industries for the month showing increased forces. The granite plants in most cases are on part time schedules. The lumber trade has increased its activity and there is a slight shortage of men in the woodworking plants.

FOREIGN MARKET SHRINKAGE Affects Farmers' Credit More Than Anything Else

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Shrinkage of foreign markets affects the farmers' credit more than anything else, and there is nothing of greater moment than creation of international relations that be precedent in the re-establishment of these markets, said Bernard M. Baruch of New York in an address to-day before the American Farm Bureau federation.

"Surplus finally determines the price of products," he said. "You farmers are the real exporters. If you cannot sell your surplus abroad you must take a lower price for the portion of the product consumed here."

"The basis for increased marketing credits should be the placing of the products in a warehouse, where a neutral authority would register the grade and amount and issue the farmer a certificate which could be taken to a bank or a new finance corporation which should be created to loan to the farmer upon his note secured by the certificate."

"The new institution, independent of the present banking system, would place the farmers' note in the treasury and issue its own obligations, which would be discountable in the federal reserve system."

RUM BOAT CREW ESCAPED

But "Dry" Forces Secured Much Whiskey Aboard.

New York, Dec. 11.—The "mystery ship" of the navy, recently obtained to combat the small boats reported to be active in ferrying liquor from beyond the three-mile limit, yesterday captured the Thelma, a 35-foot cruiser with fifty cases of whiskey and a number of bags containing various bottles of liquor.

The rum runners, prohibition officers said, put into Jones' inlet, near Fairport, Long Island, and made fast to water too shallow for the dry ship to follow. The crew rowed ashore and escaped in a waiting automobile.

NOT CARRIED OFF HIS FEET.
By Report That His Wife Is Heir to \$2,000,000.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 11.—"Seeing is believing" is an axiom to which Eugene Bessie, 63 years old street cleaner, intends to cling while reports flourish that his wife's brother, Michael Kelly, real estate operator, had died in Kansas, leaving \$2,000,000.

TAFT WILLING TO TESTIFY

At Hearing of Keller Impeachment Charges Against Daugherty.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Chief Justice Taft informed Chairman Volstead of the House judiciary committee to-day that he would appear before it at the hearing of the Keller impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty, if the committee should see fit to call him.

IF COMMITTEE SEES FIT TO CALL HIM

Chief Justice Informed Chairman of House Judiciary Committee.

\$25 FOR COURT SEAT.

Unemployed Sold Places in a London Murder Trial.

London, Dec. 11.—When the Old Bailey court opened to-day a long line of cold and weary men and women sought admission for the final stage of the sensational murder trial of Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick Bywaters who are charged with killing Mrs. Thompson's husband, Percy Thompson.

Rywater is alleged to have stabbed Thompson while the latter was escorting his wife home from the theatre. Bywaters is alleged to have stabbed the prosecution has produced a mass of correspondence between Mrs. Thompson and himself in an effort to prove that they deliberately planned to remove the woman's husband.

Seats in the Old Bailey were at a premium and several persons among the hundreds waiting in line offered as much as 50 pounds for favorable places. The court could accommodate less than 50 spectators. Many of the unemployed took advantage of the interest in the trial by selling their places in the line.

TRY TWO FOR MURDER.

Mrs. Doris Brunen and Harry C. Mohr, for Murder of Former's Husband.

Mount Holly, N. J., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Doris Brunen and her brother, Harry C. Mohr, go on trial to-day before Supreme Court Justice Kaish on charges of having killed Mrs. Brunen's husband, "Honest John" T. Brunen, circus owner. Brunen was shot on March 10 last as he sat by the window of his home at Riverside, reading a newspaper. Both defendants, who were arrested about two months after the shooting, repeatedly have protested their innocence.

More than 100 witnesses have been summoned by the prosecution, the chief of whom is Charles M. Powell, said to have confessed firing the shot that killed the circus man at the instigation of Mohr and Mrs. Brunen. Powell, former holder of a concession with the Brunen shows, is alleged by the investigators to have stated that he was promised \$1,000 for slaying Brunen.

"SEXLESS JOB" ADVOCATED.

Together With the "Sexless Wage," Based On Skill and Production.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Welfare legislation, sponsored by the woman's bureau of the department of labor, was attacked last night by Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch of New York in an address at the headquarters of the National Women's party.

Women engaged in various lines of endeavor, she contended, already have on for themselves better working hours, wages and conditions than are provided by the average welfare law. She advocated the "sexless job and the sexless wage, based on skill and production alone."

NETHERLANDS LOAN.

Plans to Float It Largely in the United States.

The Hague, Dec. 11 (By the Associated Press).—The government of the Netherlands plans to float at an early date a loan which will be placed largely in the United States for the purpose of helping the country to consolidate the nation's floating debt of about four billion florins. The amount of the new loan has not yet been fixed.

Kept Guessing.
Two young men bowed to a young lady. She gave them a little smile and passed on. Said one, "That girl always gives you a peculiar look when you meet her. At least, so I think. Am I wrong?" "No," said the other. "I think you are right."

The Expert.
"Come over here and meet Mr. Smith," said the friend, "the great Russian expert."

"What is a Russian expert?" was asked. "Well, he went to Russia and came back alive," explained the friend.—Kansas City Star.

WROTE LETTER TO SCARE WIFE

Gron Admits He Cannot Prove Wife "Criminal of Most Dangerous Character."

MRS. GRON'S LAWYER DEMANDED PROOF

In Sensational Episode in Divorce Case in Portland.

Portland, Me., Dec. 11.—A letter from Neils Gron, libelee in the divorce case hearing now near completion in the superior court, to his counsel, Frank A. Morey, in which he accused his wife, Madeline Masters Gron, of being a "criminal of the most dangerous character," a woman who for five years "lived among the lowest of the world," and who claimed to be a sculptress "in order to open to herself the gates of such society," proved a sensation of the morning session to-day.

A copy of the letter, it developed, was sent to the wife.

Producing this letter, Judge Joseph E. F. Connelly, counsel for Mrs. Gron, demanded an explanation or substantiation of the charges, which Gron practically admitted were unsupported when he said he knew nothing against Mrs. Gron's character.

"I wanted my child, I wanted my child," Mrs. Gron cried in explanation. "I never asked anything else but my child, and I never shall. I wrote that in desperation to frighten her into telling me where the child was. She had committed the greatest crime that ever was committed in taking a child away from its father."

Considering the circumstances and the terrible strain I was under it is a wonder I didn't say worse. All I wanted was for her to bring the child back. I say every time 'I want my child, I want my child.'"

Mr. Gron almost sobbed, pounding on the rail of the witness box as he spoke.

POLICE BELIEVE THEY HAVE ACTUAL SLAYER

Thomas J. Duris, Jr., Gave Himself Up and Was Queried About Killing of Edward C. Cardinal.

Boston, Dec. 11.—In Thomas J. Duris, Jr. of Cambridge, a man about town until he contemplated the machine gun, police to-day said they were confident they had found the man who fired the shots that killed Edward C. Cardinal at Kingston in Dec. 8, 1921. Duris surrendered yesterday.

He was put through a close examination to-day by officers who worked on the case in which Richard C. Rowland of New York pleaded guilty to manslaughter as the instigator of the fatal hold-up of a runner in which Cardinal was killed. It was expected that after Duris' examination had been completed, he would be taken to Plymouth court for arraignment.

MORE AIRPLANES SEARCH

For Missing Army Aviators Lost En Route to Tucson, Ariz.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 11.—The search for Colonel Francis C. Marshall and Lieutenant Charles L. Webber, army aviators who have been missing since Thursday when they disappeared en route from San Diego, Cal., to Tucson, Ariz., shifted farther south into the Arizona border strip to-day as the result of two reports indicating the presence of the missing plane and aviators in that region. Five additional airplanes are expected to arrive from Kelly field to-day to join in the search.

SILAS PEIRCE DEAD.

Wholesale Grocer and Prominent in Methodist Circles.

Brookline, Mass., Dec. 11.—Silas Peirce, president of Silas Peirce and company, Ltd., wholesale grocers, died at his home here yesterday from heart disease. He was prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal church.

He was vice-president of the New England Deacons Association and a member of the board of trustees of Boston university.

YOUNG MAN KILLED.

When Head Touched Trolley Feed Wire, Would-be Rescuer May Die.

Gary, Ind., Dec. 11.—Daniel McIntyre was killed and Frederick Paul injured while having their photographs taken on the top of a electric suburban car by two young women companions. At the command "look pleasant" McIntyre stood up, his head touching the heavily charged trolley. He was killed instantly.

Paul tried to recover his companion's body and also sustained a shock, falling from the top of the car to the pavement. He sustained a fractured skull. McIntyre's home was in Nova Scotia.

HUNGARIAN TURKEYS.

Are Being Imported to Canada and Sold Cheaper Than Canadian Birds.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Hungarian turkeys for the Christmas trade are being imported into Canada for the first time in the dominion's history. A local dealer said to-day that 100,000 pounds had just been distributed for wholesale trade at prices lower than Canadian grown birds.

BENNINGTON VICTIM OF SHOOTING DEAD

Ernest W. White Died Sunday and John Fitzgerald, Man Who Shot Him, Laughed When Informed.

Bennington, Dec. 11.—Ernest W. White, who was shot in the abdomen Friday, by John Fitzgerald, whose neck he had rubbed with snow, died Sunday morning at the Putnam Memorial hospital. Fitzgerald in the local jail laughed when told his victim had died.

White said to have made no statement before his death, but there is said, contrary to first reports, to have been some trouble between the men. Fitzgerald is also said to have been the butt of many jokes at the E. Z. mill, where both men were employed.

A special grand jury will be called to consider the case. County court is now in session and the chances are that the trial of Fitzgerald will be held at this term.

An inquest was held here Saturday before Municipal Judge William M. Meagher.

An astonishing feature of the shooting was the manner with which it was taken by Fitzgerald. He went home from the mill at noon as usual. After eating his dinner he took the rifle which belonged to his brother and started back toward the mill.

Whether the rifle was loaded or whether Fitzgerald filled the magazine with cartridges before leaving the house is not known. He stopped at the Davenport bakery on Gage street, placed the gun in a corner and bought a package of cigars and a small bag of candy.

Even when he arrived at the door of the cutting room at the mill no one observed anything peculiar in his actions. When he shouted to Robert White, a cutter, working on the same bench with the victim of the shooting, to get out of the way, other employees in the room at once jumped to the conclusion that Fitzgerald was perpetrating a joke.

PROGRESSIVES' CONVENTION

Is Being Held at Cleveland to Map Out Program.

Cleveland, Dec. 11 (By the Associated Press).—The two-day conference for progressive political action opened here to-day, with representatives of labor, the farmer-labor and national non-partisan league groups, progressives and socialists in attendance to map out a policy for present and future political action. Most of the opening session was devoted to the reading of reports, appointment of committees and the annual address of William H. Johnston, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and president of the conference.

Approximately 200 delegates from nearly every state in the union, mainly accredited delegates of international labor organizations and national farm groups attended.

Among the prominent leaders here are Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; Sydney Hillman, New York, president of Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Edward Keating of Washington, editor of Morris Hillquist, New York member national committee of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America; C. March, Washington, farmers' national council; Judge Brown, Chicago, national secretary farmers' labor party; Fred O. Howe, New York, F. S. Samuels of Idaho, representing the national non-partisan league, and Representatives of the United Mine Workers of America, the Brotherhood of Boilermakers, and of Railroad Telegraphers and the Women's Trade Union league.

Each international organization will have three delegates. In the case of a roll call vote, however, instead of voting by delegates, each organization will be allowed one vote for each 10,000 accredited members.

The formation of a third party was not contemplated, largely, said Mr. Johnston said that "we are committed to the principle that the primary is a distinct institution and that it is intended as a means whereby voters can replace their candidates in nomination and we intend to use our power in the primaries to nominate the right men, regardless of political faith." It was said, however, that some of the rank and file were strongly in favor of a third party movement.

TWO NEW APPLES

Have Been Developed by New York Horticulturists.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Two new apples, the Gortland and Tioga, the former a cross between the Ben Davis and McIntosh and the latter from the Northern Spy and Sutton, have been developed by horticulturists at the state experiment station at Geneva, according to reports from that city to-day.

The new fruit now is being distributed to members of the New York Fruit Testing Co-operative association, Inc., for seedlings.

The Gortland is said to be most promising for New York, New England and the commercial apple regions of Canada. The Tioga is larger and brighter than the McIntosh, have the same flavor but keep longer. The Tioga is described as a "late keeping yellow apple with a spring flavor."

FOUR HORSES BURNED.

In Destruction of a Barn in Burlington.

Burlington, Dec. 11.—Four horses were burned to death in a fire in a barn owned by Fred Goodrich at the junction of North Bend and Spring streets early Saturday morning. A still alarm at 1:37 o'clock on Saturday morning was followed by an alarm from box 24, at Elmwood avenue and Spring street, sent in by Chief Stockwell, and this summoned the fire department.

The horses were dead when the firemen arrived and the building was burning fiercely. Six streams of water were used in putting out the fire, and the burning continued with some difficulty, preventing the spread of the flames to adjoining buildings, as there was a strong wind blowing.

MUST FIGHT FOR BEQUEST

Charles P. Dimick, Formerly of Barret, Was Willed a Mansion.

MRS. HELEN AUSTIN'S HEIRS TO CONTEST

In Order to Get More Money to Defend Bequest, Dimick Runs Boardinghouse.

Boston, Dec. 11.—The will by which Mrs. Helen Austin, who was the widow of Judge Henry Austin, left the family mansion in the Fenway to Charles P. Dimick, their friend, cutting off relatives with a few hundred dollars, is being contested by her nephew and a niece, it became known to-day.

To obtain money to fight the contest, Dimick has turned the mansion into a lodging house, reserving for himself as a chamber only the cloak room just inside the vestibule.

The contestants are Frank A. Kirchbattin of Henniker, N. H., who was left \$500 and Herbert Sherman of Boston and Mrs. Hershel Paul of Newport, N. H., cut off with \$100 each. The house is estimated to be worth \$60,000.

Dimick to-day was quoted as saying that Mrs. Austin's relatives were cut off as they were because they could not get along with her and that he had assisted Judge Austin first in financial matters and, later, had aided Mrs. Austin to keep the mansion by compromising with the Charles Austin estate. He had represented the mansion to live with Kirchbattin and Mrs. Austin, he said, at her solicitation.

Dimick, whose home originally was in Barret, Vt., is a graduate of Dartmouth college, a technical photographer and a mining expert.

U. S. EXPORTS LARGER.

During October, Great Britain Being Heaviest Purchaser.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Increased exports during October, well distributed among most of the countries of the world are shown in figures made public to-day by the department of commerce.

Great Britain again was the heaviest purchaser of American products, taking exports valued at \$85,928,054 as compared with \$70,852,810 for the preceding month.

In October a year ago, Great Britain bought \$89,951,115 in American products.

The increases were attributed by department officials largely to annual seasonal shipments of cotton except in the case of South and Central American countries. Detailed statistics showing the nature of the commodities exported to these countries have not been fully analyzed by the department.

Canadian purchases of American products totaled \$38,459,658 in October as compared with \$55,362,852 in September.

THREE CLOSE ELECTIONS.

Were To-day Held in As Many Maine Cities.

Portland, Me., Dec. 11.—Closely contested municipal elections were held to-day in Westbrook, Augusta and Bangor. That at Augusta was a biennial affair. In Westbrook, the re-election of Mayor John Lawrence, Republican, for a third term was opposed by Alvan M. Waterhouse, Democrat.

City Solicitor L. M. Sewell, Republican, and former City Solicitor Ernest McLean, Democrat, were the majority candidates at the capital. Mrs. Edith M. Pierce was a Democratic candidate in ward two for the common council there.

Mayor Albert R. Day, Republican, who is completing his first term at Bangor, had as an opponent Patrick J. Byrnes, a business man and active Democratic leader. A referendum was being held in that city on the question of applying to the legislature for a charter to form a water district.

FINED \$400 FOR SHOOTING.

Almer Davis of Jeffersonville, Who Wounded Four Boys.

Hyde Park, Dec. 11.—Almer Davis of Jeffersonville, who was arrested following a shooting affair Halloween night at Jeffersonville, in which four boys were wounded, was found guilty and fined \$400 and costs by Judge Chase in county court Saturday.

The court adjourned Saturday noon until morning the case of State vs. I. L. LeClair, for arson, will be heard.

REFUGEES RELIEVED.

The 800 firms Vladivostok Helped by Japanese.

Gensou, Korea, Dec. 11 (By the Associated Press).—The situation of the 8,000 and more refugees from Vladivostok has been completely relieved as a result of the efforts of the Japanese government. All of the refugees have been fed, clothed and housed.

WELL KNOWN BOTANIST.

Mrs. Nellie F. Flynn of Burlington Had Splendid Collection.

Burlington, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Nellie F. Flynn, botanist, wife of John F. Flynn, died in this city Saturday evening. Mrs. Flynn was born in Peru 60 years ago. She spent her early life in Dorset, where she married. The Flynn family came to Burlington 30 years ago. She has since made her home here.

Mrs. Flynn was one of the leading systematic botanists of New England. Her collection of plants and her herbarium is one of the best private collections in New England and is known to botanists in many parts of the United States through the large number of exchanges which she has sent out by request to other botanists.

She was a scientific and critical observer of plants. She worked in all parts of New England and also collected and studied the floral of Bermuda, Cuba, California, Florida and other southern states. She has added new species to the known flora of several of these regions.

Several years ago Mrs. Flynn published a book giving a list of all the known plants which occur in Burlington and vicinity. She was engaged at the time of her death as chairman of the committee of the Vermont Botanical Society in revising the list of plants known to exist in the entire state. She was a member of this club and the Vermont Bird club and for several years the secretary-treasurer of those organizations. She is also a member of the New England Botanical club and a frequent contributor to its bulletins.

She was much interested in the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution of which she was a member.

FROST ON WINDSHIELD

Was Given as One Cause of Collision on Barre-Montpelier Road.

Herbert Johnson has reported to the secretary of state that the cause of the collision between a car driven by N. A. Paxman of Richmond about 9 o'clock last night at Interlacy park, damage was about \$15 to the Johnson car and about \$3 to the other, according to the report. Mr. Johnson states that he was coming down a side road with the windshield slightly frosted and when the lights struck the other car it was too late to avoid a collision, although he swung out on the car track and stopped within five feet of the collision, he states.

S. A. Howard of Center Rutland has reported striking a boy named Louis in Center Rutland on Dec. 8, breaking his left leg.

DECLARES STOCK DIVIDEND.

Burlington Free Press Files Official Notice.

The Free Press association of Burlington has filed with the secretary of state an amendment of its charter to provide for an authorized capital stock of \$300,000 to be represented by 3,000 shares of \$100 par value each. An affidavit of the proposed issue of 500 shares of common stock and 350 shares of preferred stock, all at a par value of \$100 per share for cash, has also been filed. The stock certificate is a stock dividend of \$85,000.

The J. T. Slack Corporation of Springfield has filed with the secretary of state a certificate of paid-up capital showing that \$1,000,000 authorized stock has been paid in. The concern manufacturer, machine.

The Perry Automobile company of Barre has filed an affidavit of the proposed issue of 200 shares of common stock at \$100 par value each, for cash.

FOUND LIQUOR IN HAY.

St. Albans Authorities Start to Clean Up Law Violations.

St. Albans, Dec. 11.—The premises of George Turner of Oak street were searched Saturday evening by Sheriff George P. Catline, Chief of Police J. F. Mahoney and Deputy Antonia Wry and in a barn hidden in the hay they found a small quantity of liquor. Turner was arrested and the liquor confiscated. Later Turner was released when bail of \$700 was furnished.

The local authorities are endeavoring to make a thorough combing of the city in an attempt to exterminate the illicit handling of liquor.

RESCUED TWO INFANTS.

Boy and His Mother Carried Them from Burning House.

Boston, Dec. 11.—Each carrying a sleeping infant, Nicholas Walsh, a boy of 14 years, and his mother, Mrs. Bridget Walsh, fought their way out of a burning house in the Charlestown district early to-day.

The little ones slept through the excitement. The damage was estimated at \$8,000.

Hedgehog Bounties.
The absurdity of encouraging hedgehog killing by paying bounties is shown by the returns from the town clerk of Stowe, who has paid out nearly seventeen hundred dollars for the killing of forty-eight hundred hedgehogs and "busted" the state fund early in the year.

There are probably no more hedgehogs around Stowe and Waterbury than elsewhere in the state, but see what would happen if every town in Vermont went into the hedgehog-killing business which apparently is a fairly profitable and pleasant business.

Three towns entered into this hedgehog barge, paid off in Stowe. If the same activities had been conducted, with the same average results, in